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A.

Skill Presentation

What's the difference between phrases, clauses, and sentences?

A **phrase** is a group of words with **no** subject, verb and it doesn't express a complete thought.

- A scary lion.
- The lost cat.
- The fastest animal.
- On the table.
- For a while.

A **clause** is a group of words with subject and verb.

Note: If the **clause** doesn't give a complete thought. We call it a **dependent clause**.

A **dependent clause** is **not** a complete sentence.

- Because he found it.
- When she called.
- Jack felt happy.

An **independent clause** is a complete sentence.

- Because she came late.

A **sentence** is a group of words.



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Phrase Vs Clause

Phrase

Group of words

No (sub) and (v)

No complete thought

- In the afternoon.

Clause

Group of words

There is (sub) and (v)

May give complete thought

- When they arrived.
- Janice came to work.

A Dependent Clause

Doesn't make sense by itself and needs more information.

- When they arrived.

An Independent Clause

can stand alone and give a complete thought.

- Janice came to work.



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B.

Over to You

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